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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report (A/48/3) 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/48/1).

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 12th to 14th, 45th, 47th and 48th meetings, on 18 and 19 October and 6, 10 and 13 December. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.12-14). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1993 (A/48/3); 1/

* The report on this agenda item will be issued in two parts (see also A/48/715/Add.1).

1/ To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/48/3/Rev.1).

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/48/159-E/1993/59);

(c) Letter dated 12 May 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/172);

(d) Letter dated 28 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the press communiqué issued by the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries at its meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/182);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/48/183 and Add.1-E/1993/74 and Add.1);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and the Syrian Golan (A/48/188-E/1993/78);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Population Award (A/48/276);

(h) Letter dated 9 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Document of the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Bali from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/338);

(i) Letter dated 24 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final documents of the Japan Economic Summit, held in Tokyo from 7 to 9 July 1993 (A/48/353-S/26372);

(j) Letter dated 6 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, held at United Nations Headquarters on 4 October 1993 (A/48/484-S/26552);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on special assistance to Namibia (A/48/498);

(l) Letter dated 8 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System at its nineteenth ordinary ministerial meeting, held at Caracas from 25 to 29 October 1993 (A/48/597).

4. At the 12th meeting, on 18 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the representative of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, New York Office, and the Director of the Regional Commissions, New York Office (see A/C.2/48/SR.12).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17

5. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, the Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen, subsequently joined by Cuba, Indonesia and the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan" (A/C.2/48/L.17). Lebanon subsequently withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

6. At the 47th meeting, on 10 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the following oral revisions to the draft resolution made as a result of informal consultations:

(a) In the last preambular paragraph, the words "in particular" were inserted before the words "the signing";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the word "peace" was replaced by the words "economic and social development";

(c) Operative paragraph 4, which read:

"Strongly deplores Israel's practices in the occupied Palestinian territory and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, in particular its confiscation of land, its appropriation of water resources, its depletion of other economic resources and its displacement and deportation of the population of those territories;"

was deleted;

(d) In operative paragraph 5, the words "without legal validity" were replaced by the word "illegal".

7. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Botswana and Israel (see A/C.2/48/SR.47).

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8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17 by a recorded vote of 113 to 2, with 13 abstentions (see para. 16, draft resolution I). 2/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belarus, Botswana, Croatia, Czech Republic, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nigeria, Peru, Russian Federation, Samoa, Togo, Uruguay.

9. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (see A/C.2/48/SR.47).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.18 and L.90

10. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, the Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen, subsequently joined by Indonesia and Pakistan, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people" (A/C.2/48/L.18). Lebanon subsequently withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution. The draft resolution read as follows:

2/ Subsequently, the delegation of Mauritania indicated that, had it been present at the time of the vote, it would have voted in favour.

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"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 47/170 of 22 December 1993,

"Aware of the negative impact the Israeli policies have had on the economic and social activities of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem,

"Gravely concerned about the destruction of a large part of the occupied Palestinian territory's economic and social infrastructure and the deterioration in the living conditions of the Palestinian people,

"Aware that development cannot be attained under occupation,

"Welcoming the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, including its Annexes and Agreed Minutes, between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of Israel in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993, 3/

"Noting, in the light of the recent developments, the great economic and social challenges facing the Palestinian people and their leadership,

"Conscious of the urgent necessity for, and responsibility of, the international community to provide all kinds of assistance to the Palestinian people in accordance with Palestinian priorities,

"Noting the convening of the United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People, held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization from 26 to 29 April 1993,

"Stressing the need for the full engagement of the United Nations in the process of building the Palestinian National Authority and in providing broad assistance to the Palestinian people in all needed fields,

"Welcoming the convening of the Conference to Support Middle East Peace, held in Washington, D.C., on 1 October 1993 and the establishment of the high-level United Nations task force to support the economic and social development of the Palestinian people,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 4/

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

"2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his rapid response and efforts regarding assistance to the Palestinian people;

3/ A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

4/ A/48/183-E/1993/74 and Add.1.

"3. Expresses its appreciation to the Member States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided and continue to provide assistance to the Palestinian people;

"4. Welcomes the results of the Conference to Support Middle East Peace, convened in Washington, D.C., on 1 October 1993;

"5. Urges Member States, international financial institutions of the United Nations system, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and regional and interregional organizations to extend, as rapidly and as generously as possible, economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in order to assist in the development of the Palestinian territory, and to do so in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and through official Palestinian institutions;

"6. Encourages an active and broad United Nations role in assisting in the implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, including its Annexes and Agreed Minutes;

"7. Calls upon all organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to immediately start to establish a direct and official presence in the Palestinian territory and to intensify their assistance in response to the urgent needs of the Palestinian people, and calls upon them for greater and more effective coordination through an appropriate mechanism under the auspices of the Secretary-General;

"8. Calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;

"9. Suggests that the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People consider in its programme for 1993-1994 the convening of a seminar on Palestinian needs in the light of the new developments;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, to convene, as soon as possible, a meeting of United Nations system organizations and agencies, to ensure the coordinated work of the United Nations system for adequate response to the needs of the Palestinian people and to mobilize financial, technical, economic and other assistance;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution, containing:

(a) An assessment of the assistance actually received by the Palestinian people;

(b) An assessment of the needs still unmet and specific proposals for responding effectively to them;

"12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled 'Assistance to the Palestinian people'."

11. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/48/L.90) submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.18.

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.90 without a vote (see para. 16, draft resolution II).

13. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Norway and Algeria (on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.18), as well as by the Observer for Palestine (see A/C.2/48/SR.48).

14. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.90, draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.18 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

15. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the reports under the item on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 17).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/172 of 22 December 1992,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/52 of 29 July 1993,

Reaffirming the principle of the permanent sovereignty of people under foreign occupation over their national resources,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, affirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and recalling Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980 and other resolutions affirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949 5/ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

Aware of the negative and grave economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan,

Welcoming the ongoing Middle East peace process started at Madrid, and in particular the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, including its Annexes, and its Agreed Minutes, by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993, 6/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 7/
2. Reaffirms that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, are illegal and an obstacle to economic and social development;
3. Recognizes the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan;
4. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regards any infringement thereof as being illegal;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

5/ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

6/ A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

7/ A/48/188-E/1993/78.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/170, of 22 December 1992,

Welcoming the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, including its Annexes, and its Agreed Minutes, by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993, 8/

Gravely concerned over the difficult economic and employment conditions facing the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Territory,

Conscious of the need for improvement in the economic and social infrastructure of the Occupied Territory and in the living conditions of the Palestinian people,

Aware that development is difficult under occupation and best promoted in circumstances of peace and stability,

Noting, in the light of the recent developments, the great economic and social challenges facing the Palestinian people and their leadership,

Conscious of the urgent necessity for international assistance to the Palestinian people, taking into account the Palestinian priorities,

Noting the convening of the United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People, held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization from 26 to 29 April 1993,

Stressing the need for the full engagement of the United Nations in the process of building Palestinian institutions and in providing broad assistance to the Palestinian people,

Welcoming the convening of the Conference to Support Middle East Peace, held in Washington, D.C., on 1 October 1993, and the establishment of the high-level United Nations task force to support the economic and social development of the Palestinian people,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 9/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

8/ A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

9/ A/48/183-E/1993/74 and Add.1.

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his rapid response and efforts regarding assistance to the Palestinian people;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Member States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided and continue to provide assistance to the Palestinian people;
4. Welcomes the results of the Conference to Support Middle East Peace, convened in Washington, D.C., on 1 October 1993;
5. Urges Member States, international financial institutions of the United Nations system, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and regional and interregional organizations to extend, as rapidly and as generously as possible, economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in order to assist in the development of the West Bank and Gaza, and to do so in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and through official Palestinian institutions;
6. Considers that an active United Nations role in assisting in the implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, including its Annexes, and its Agreed Minutes, can make a positive contribution;
7. Calls upon relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to intensify their assistance in response to the urgent needs of the Palestinian people, and to improve coordination through an appropriate mechanism under the auspices of the Secretary-General;
8. Urges Member States to open their markets to exports from the West Bank and Gaza on the most favourable terms, consistent with appropriate trading rules;
9. Suggests the convening in 1993/94, under the appropriate United Nations auspices, of a seminar on Palestinian trade and investment needs in light of the new developments;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the coordinated work of the United Nations system for an adequate response to the needs of the Palestinian people and to mobilize financial, technical, economic and other assistance;
11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution, containing:
 - (a) An assessment of the assistance actually received by the Palestinian people;
 - (b) An assessment of the needs still unmet and specific proposals for responding effectively to them;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people".

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17. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1993; 10/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); 11/

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Population Award; 12/

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on special assistance to Namibia. 13/

10/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/48/3/Rev.1).

11/ A/48/159-E/1993/59.

12/ A/48/276.

13/ A/48/498.



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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part II)*

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 12 (see A/48/715, para. 2). Action to be taken on the item was further considered at the 43rd and 48th meetings, on 3 and 13 December 1993. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/48/SR.43 and A/C.2/48/SR.48).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50 and Rev.1

2. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December 1993, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision entitled "Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa" (A/C.2/48/L.50), which read:

"The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/67, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and regional integration in Africa'."

* The report on this agenda item will be issued in two parts (see A/48/715).

3. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.50/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50.

4. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

5. Before the revised draft decision was adopted, a statement was made by the representative of Algeria (see A/C.2/48/SR.48).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51 and Rev.1

7. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision entitled "African Institute for Economic Development and Planning" (A/C.2/48/L.51), which read:

"The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/68, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'African Institute for Economic Development and Planning'."

8. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.51/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51.

9. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision II).

C. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52 and Rev.1

11. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision entitled "Second Transport and Communication Decade in Africa" (A/C.2/48/L.52), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/66, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa'."

12. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.52/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52.

13. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision III).

D. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53 and Rev.1

15. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.53) entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa", which read:

"The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/65, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa'."

16. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.53/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53.

17. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision IV).

E. Consideration of the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995

19. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of the Secretariat introduced and read out corrections to the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995 (A/C.2/48/L.72, annex).

20. During the consideration of the draft programme of work, statements were made and questions raised by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Egypt, Armenia, Tunisia, Trinidad and Tobago, Pakistan, Australia, the United States of America, Morocco, Mauritania and Algeria. The representative of the Secretariat responded to questions.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995, as orally corrected, and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly for adoption (see para. 22, draft decision V).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

22. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/67 of 30 July 1993, entitled "Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa", and agrees to ensure the provision of adequate staffing and resources to permit the delivery of activities to the subprogramme of the Economic Commission for Africa on information systems development, beginning with the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

DRAFT DECISION II

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/68 of 30 July 1993, entitled "African Institute for Economic Development and Planning", and agrees, in considering the proposed programme budget for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1994-1995, to take adequate steps to ensure sufficient staffing for the Commission at the Professional level to implement its mandates.

DRAFT DECISION III

Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/66 of 30 July 1993, entitled "Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa", and agrees to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, in its capacity as lead agency for the Second Decade, with adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget, to enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out the activities listed in paragraphs 5 (a) to (d) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/66.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/65 of 30 July 1993, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa", and agrees to provide adequate resources to the Economic

Commission for Africa for the Second Decade, especially to strengthen industrial cooperation in the implementation of the programme for the Decade.

DRAFT DECISION V

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1994-1995

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1994-1995, contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee
for 1994-1995 a/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/52 of 29 July 1993 and General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Working Group to review the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80) c/ and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the subject (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 and decision 1993/214)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 44/170 of 19 December 1989) c/

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Report of the Secretary-General on resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/63)

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

- (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries
- (b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199 of 21 December 1990, 47/152 of 18 December 1992 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.10))

- (c) External debt crisis and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.5/Rev.1)

- (d) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/178 of 22 December 1992 on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Final version of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77 of 8 December 1989, 44/171 of 19 December 1989 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.3/48/L.33))

Report of the Secretary-General containing an analysis and recommendations on ways and means to promote dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.28/Rev.1))

(a) Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964), including recommendations on the mid-term review of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.76)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on a programme for improving the transit system of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing country neighbours (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.79))

Report of the Secretary-General on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.55))

(b) Food and agricultural development

Documentation

Report of the World Food Council c/

Report of the Secretary-General on food production, including agro-industrial products, international markets for agricultural and tropical products, and the state of global food security (General Assembly resolution 47/149 of 18 December 1992)

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/20 on emergency action to combat the locust infestation in Africa

(c) Report of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation

Report of the Conference (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93 of 26 July 1991 and General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.11/Rev.1))

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(d) Commodities

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on potential developmental linkages between the commodity sector and other sectors of the economy (General Assembly resolution 47/185)

(e) Cultural development

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the summary evaluation report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the global mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolution 46/157 of 19 December 1991 and Economic and Social Council decision 1993/209) c/

(f) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.6/Rev.1))

(g) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153 of 18 December 1992 on industrial development cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992, on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000

(h) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolutions 47/180 of 22 December 1992 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.37))

(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.89))

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for and observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.86))

(j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/60)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/215 on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly decision 48/___ (draft decision A/C.2/48/L.49))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.83) on the strengthening of the United Nations Environment Programme

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on a special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

- (b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/19 of 22 December 1992

- (c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Documentation

Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.44))

- (d) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___

- (e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation

Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolutions 47/189 of 22 December 1992 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.78))

Item 5. Operational activities for development

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/2 on the World Summit for Children (General Assembly decision 48/___ (draft decision A/C.2/48/L.59))

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.88))

United Nations University

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Item 7. Agenda for development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.87))

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/(a) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1997-1998

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made during the first half of the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 45/181 of 21 December 1990) c/

(c) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/51) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions(a) Financing of development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of the potential sources of financing of development (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.4))

(b) Long-term trends in social and economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 (General Assembly resolution 43/194 of 20 December 1988)

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on negotiations on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.14/Rev.1))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.21) on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.81))

(b) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and 43/180 and 43/181 of 20 December 1988) g/

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992)

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.77)

(d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.76)

(e) Women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987) □/

(f) Human resources development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/____ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.56)

(g) Business and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on policies and activities related to entrepreneurship, privatization, demonopolization and administrative deregulation (General Assembly resolution 48/____ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.34/Rev.1))

(h) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, including the Programme's activities in environmental monitoring (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 48/____ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.80)) □/

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173 of 17 December 1979) □/

Report of the Secretary-General updating the developments relevant to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/215 (General Assembly resolution 48/____ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.49))

- (a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its third session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

- (b) Desertification and drought

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, 32/172 of 19 December 1977, 40/209 of 17 December 1985 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.66)) c/

Item 5. Operational activities for development

- (a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992) c/

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

United Nations field offices (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.70))

- (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system and on the follow-up of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.54)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.73) on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.67))

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1994.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1995 will be updated in 1994, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, taking into account the periodicity of consideration of items and sub-items as spelled out in annex II, section E, of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/48/L.33).

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1995.



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EMERGENCY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PEACE, NORMALCY AND RECONSTRUCTION OF WAR-STRICKEN AFGHANISTAN

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd, 42nd, 43rd and 48th meetings, on 16 and 29 November and 3 and 13 December. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33, 42, 43 and 48). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).
3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (A/48/323 and Add.1).
4. At the 33rd meeting, on 16 November, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/48/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.48

5. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Turkey introduced a draft resolution entitled "Emergency international assistance for peace,

normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (A/C.2/48/L.48), on behalf of Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and Yemen, subsequently joined by Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kenya and Thailand.

6. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 4 (a), the word "facilitate" was replaced with the words "assist Afghanistan in facilitating";

(b) In operative paragraph 4 (c), the words "the convening of" were replaced with the words "the possibility of convening".

7. The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement pertaining to the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.48, as orally revised.

8. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Afghanistan made a statement (see A/C.2/47/SR.48).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.48, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 11).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia and the United States of America (see A/C.2/47/SR.48).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 47/119 of 18 December 1992 on emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Noting that the establishment of the Islamic State in Afghanistan provides a new opportunity for the reconstruction of the country,

Wishing the people of Afghanistan peace and prosperity,

Deeply concerned about the massive destruction of property and the serious damage to the economic and social infrastructure of Afghanistan caused by fourteen years of war,

Stressing the importance of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Afghanistan for the prosperity of its people, who have suffered many hardships during fourteen years of war and devastation and have lost the chance for development throughout the conflict,

Aware that Afghanistan continues to suffer from an extremely critical economic situation as a land-locked, least developed and war-stricken country,

Affirming the urgent need to initiate international action to assist Afghanistan in restoring basic services and in rebuilding the country,

Expressing its hope that the international community will respond adequately to the Consolidated Appeal for Emergency Humanitarian Assistance for Afghanistan, launched by the Secretary-General for the period October 1993 to March 1994,

Thanking all Governments that have rendered assistance to Afghan refugees, in particular the Governments of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and recognizing the need for international assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of refugees and internally displaced persons,

Bearing in mind the close interrelationship between the revitalization of the economy and the strengthening of Afghanistan's ability to take effective steps towards those objectives and the ensuring of peace and normalcy in the country,

Stressing the important role that the United Nations can play in the further consolidation of peace and stability by assisting the process of national rapprochement, reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan,

Expressing its appreciation to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have responded positively and continue to respond to the humanitarian needs of Afghanistan and to the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative for mobilizing and coordinating the delivery of appropriate humanitarian assistance,

Welcoming the Action Plan for immediate rehabilitation, dated June 1993, prepared by the United Nations Development Programme as lead agency, in

cooperation with the Government of Afghanistan, as a first step towards reconstruction and a framework for the mobilization of international assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the country,

Appreciating the assistance of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for its continued support for the repatriation of Afghan refugees from neighbouring countries,

1. Encourages the Government of Afghanistan to take immediate steps to consolidate further the political process through national rapprochement, thus contributing to the creation of a sound political situation and good security, which would allow the holding of general, free and fair elections in the country, observed by the United Nations, as soon as circumstances permit;

2. Welcomes with appreciation the efforts of the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the international community to the acute problems of Afghanistan;

3. Urgently appeals to all States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the international financial and development institutions, to provide, on a priority basis, all possible financial, technical and material assistance for the restoration of basic services and the reconstruction of Afghanistan and for the resettlement of refugees and internally displaced persons, having in mind the availability of the Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund referred to in paragraph 6 below;

4. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To dispatch as soon as possible a United Nations special mission to Afghanistan to canvass a broad spectrum of Afghanistan's leaders to solicit their views on how the United Nations can best assist Afghanistan in facilitating national rapprochement and reconstruction, and report to the Secretary-General their findings, conclusions and recommendations for appropriate action;

(b) To develop the Action Plan for immediate rehabilitation, prepared by the United Nations Development Programme, into a full-scale strategy for rehabilitation and reconstruction, based on an in-country assessment by a team of experts of the war damage and destruction;

(c) To initiate, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations special mission to Afghanistan, a plan for mobilizing financial, technical and material assistance, including the possibility of convening a conference of donor States and international financial institutions;

5. Invites the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the overall situation in Afghanistan and make available his good offices as required and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

6. Appeals to all Member States, in particular donor countries, to provide emergency financial assistance to the Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund

established in August 1988 and to consolidated appeals by the Secretary-General for emergency humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan;

7. Invites the international financial institutions, specialized agencies, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, where appropriate, to bring the special needs of Afghanistan to the attention of their respective governing bodies for their consideration and to report on the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan".



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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

Rapporteur: Ms. Irene FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

"Development and international economic cooperation:

- "(a) Trade and development;
- "(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;
- "(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;
- "(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;
- "(e) Environment;
- "(f) Desertification and drought;
- "(g) Human settlements;
- "(h) Science and technology for development;

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"(i) Entrepreneurship;

"(j) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy",

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held general discussions on the item at its 8th, 9th, 15th to 17th, 20th, 30th to 32nd, 36th to 40th and 43rd to 45th meetings, on 13, 20, 21 and 22 October and 11, 12, 19, 23 and 24 November and 3 and 6 December. The general discussion on sub-item (j) was held at the 8th and 9th meetings, on 13 October. The general discussion on sub-items (b), (c) and (d) was held at the 15th to 17th meetings, on 20, 21 and 22 October. The general discussion on sub-items (a), (h) and (i) was held at the 30th to 32nd meetings, on 11 and 12 November. The general discussion on sub-items (e), (f) and (g) was held at the 36th to 40th meetings, on 19, 23 and 24 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.8-9, 15-17, 20, 30-32, 36-40 and 43-45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8, 11, 12 and 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents on the item:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the recent evolution of the economies in transition on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation (A/48/331);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission (A/48/350);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the economic stabilization programmes in developing countries (A/48/380);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/181 (A/48/689);

(e) Letter dated 14 April 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council at its forty-sixth session (A/48/140);

(f) Letter dated 12 May 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/172);

(g) Letter dated 28 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the press communiqué issued by the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries at its meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/182);

(h) Letter dated 9 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the statement by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council at its forty-seventh session (A/48/205-S/25923);

(i) Letter dated 14 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Damascus Declaration States on their meeting held at Abu Dhabi on 12 and 13 June 1993 (A/48/209-S/25937);

(j) Letter dated 23 June 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the results of the session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at New Delhi from 9 to 17 April 1993 (A/48/222);

(k) Letter dated 4 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final document of the third Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government (A/48/291-S/26242);

(l) Letter dated 11 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (A/48/309);

(m) Letter dated 9 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Document of the Meeting of the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/338);

(n) Letter dated 7 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a final communiqué concerning results of the work of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council during their meeting at the headquarters of its secretariat at Riyadh on 19 and 20 Rabi' 1414 H (A.D. 5 and 6 September 1993) (A/48/379-S/26411);

(o) Letter dated 12 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents adopted by the twenty-first Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (A/48/396);

(p) Letter dated 9 September 1993, from the Permanent Representative of Grenada addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué issued by the nineteenth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community (A/48/401);

(q) Letter dated 6 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted at the seventeenth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 (A/48/485);

(r) Letter dated 15 October 1993 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries, held in New York on 30 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/4).

Item 91 (a). Trade and development

(a) Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/48/15); 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (A/48/363);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/48/487);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/48/533);

(e) Note of the Secretary-General on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/48/535);

(f) Note verbale dated 13 April 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration on Bananas issued on 2 April 1993 in Panama City by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama (A/48/139);

(g) Note verbale dated 6 May 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a resolution on bananas issued by the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (A/48/163);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/48/15), vols. I and II.

(h) Letter dated 10 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Declaration of Santiago de Guayaquil made by the representative of Saint Lucia to the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on 24 February 1993 (A/48/164).

Item 91 (b). Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/48/333).

Item 91 (c). Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (A/48/393);

(b) Preliminary version of the 1994 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (A/48/70-E/1993/16).

Item 91 (d). Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

(a) Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session (A/48/39); 2/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation among developing countries (A/48/491);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/48/495 and Add.1);

(d) Letter dated 22 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee of the Group of 77 on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/C.2/48/5).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 39 (A/48/39).

Item 91 (e). Environment

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its seventeenth session (A/48/25); 3/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans seas (A/48/451 and Corr.1 and 2);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (A/C.2/48/2);

(d) Letter dated 16 July 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final statement of the eleventh session of the InterAction Council (A/48/272-S/26108);

(e) Letter dated 4 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Emergency Locust Control Plan drawn up at the ad hoc Sahel/Maghreb meeting on locust control, held at Tunis on 1 and 2 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/6);

(f) Letter dated 16 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/48/10);

(g) Letter dated 22 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/48/11).

Item 91 (f). Desertification and drought

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (A/48/216-E/1993/92);

(b) Letter dated 4 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Emergency Locust Control Plan drawn up at the ad hoc Sahel/Maghreb meeting on locust control, held at Tunis on 1 and 2 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/6).

Item 91 (g). Human settlements

(a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourteenth session, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/48/8); 4/

(b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/48/37); 5/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (A/48/288).

Item 91 (h). Science and technology for development

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of strengthening endogenous capacity-building in science and technology in the developing countries (A/48/465).

Item 91 (i). Entrepreneurship

Report of the Secretary-General on entrepreneurship and national development (A/48/472).

Item 91 (j). Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in addressing problems facing the economies in transition, including the difficulties that those economies are encountering in their integration into the world economy (A/48/317).

4. At the 8th meeting on 13 October, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the Division for Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis on the item as a whole as well as sub-item (j) (see A/C.2/48/SR.8).

5. At the 15th meeting, on 20 October, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development on sub-item (c); the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 and addendum (A/48/8 and Add.1).

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 37 (A/48/37).

Countries of the United Nations Development Programme; the Director of the Division for Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on sub-items (b) and (d) (see A/C.2/48/SR.15).

6. At the 30th meeting, on 11 November, introductory statements were made by the President of the Trade and Development Board and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on sub-item (a); the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Political Affairs on sub-item (d); the Acting Director of the Public Administration and Management Division of the Department of Development Support and Management Services on sub-item (i); and the Principal Officer of the Department of Development Support and Management Services on sub-item (h) (see A/C.2/48/SR.32).

7. At the 36th meeting, on 19 November, an introductory statement was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on sub-items (e), (f) and (g) (see A/C.2/48/SR.36).

8. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, an introductory statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (see A/C.2/48/SR.43).
